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VINDICATING PROPHECY

"Out Of Their Mouths Issued Fire And Smoke And Brimstone"
(See Inside Cover)

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WHEN THE UNINITIATED are first confronted with prophecy as evidence of the truth of the Scriptures, the reaction at the outset may very likely be skepticism. This attitude is the outcome of an almost universal neglect of the words of the prophets of the Lord. Because of a general apathy throughout Christendom in respect to the writings of these men of God, both church leaders and members are unable to identify the facts of history which verify the accuracy of the statements which follow the pronouncement, "Thus saith the Lord," that prefaces so many of the utterances of His prophets.

Through the Apostle John, whose name appears in connection with the writing of the Book of Revelation, Jesus Christ communicated to His followers a vivid preview of things to come. The Apostle declared he was recording what he saw and heard, but in doing this, of necessity, he used the language at his command to describe scenes of the future.

Today, on a moving picture screen, we may watch events of the past passing before our eyes; we may even listen to the conversation of men and women who have died since their voices were recorded. Conversely, John saw in vision scenes of the future and he listened to the voices of men and women as yet unborn!

Through the power of the Spirit (he says, "I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day" — Rev. 1: 10), John was projected into the future and became an eyewitness of scenes destined to occur centuries beyond his time. As the Apostle watched these future activities, and listened to the tumult and noise accompanying this revelation of things to come, he wrote down a description of what he was seeing, using the terminology of his day to describe the occurrences of later times.

The ninth chapter of Revelation deals with events arising as the result of the conquests by the Ottoman Empire. In the description of a scene he witnessed in connection with the taking of Constantinople, John said: "And the heads of the horses were as the heads of lions; and out of their mouths issued fire and smoke and brimstone. By these three was the third part of men killed, by the fire, and by the smoke, and by the brimstone, which issued out of their mouths. For their power is in their mouth, and in their tails: for their tails were like unto serpents, and had heads, and with them they do hurt" (Rev. 9: 17-19).

Among the collection of ancient cannon along the embankment of the Thames near the Tower of London is one style of this type of war weapon, a photograph of which appears on the front cover of this issue of DESTINY. While this is a tiger cannon, history records that the Ottomans used

similar cannon cast in the form of lions. It was this type of cannon that John saw being used in the siege of Constantinople.

As John depicted the scene being enacted before him, he beheld men astride these "iron horses," for anything with four legs used in war was a horse to him. He watched them ramming in the powder and the shot. He observed the burning of the old-fashioned fuse, serpent-like, with its sputtering head of fire at the tail, or touchhole, of the cannon. This was followed by the "fire, smoke and brimstone" issuing out of the mouth of these iron horses with lion's heads. Therefore, he wonderingly commented that "their power was in their mouth and in their tails." He then described the result as the walls of the city were breached by the use of cannon for the first time in such a conflict, declaring that many were slain by this method of attack.

The purpose of prophecy is to establish the accuracy of the Word of the Lord and, when it is fulfilled, to verify the truth of the utterances of His prophets. The remarkable corroboration of what was forecast in Revelation, describing in such meticulous detail the form of cannon which is now known to have been used in a later period in history, and which may actually be seen today in England, accomplishes this result. The faith of the believer is fortified as he examines the messages the prophets have directed to the present generation upon whom the end of the age has come.

Because John was able to so accurately describe the scene he beheld during the siege of Constantinople, it is foolhardy to fail to pay attention to what he has so plainly declared will come to pass in our time. His special mission was to outline step by step, by the use of appropriate symbolisms, the scope of events during the entire Christian Dispensation. He gave specific warning about the activities of the "three unclean spirits like frogs," which we now know as Fascism, Nazism and Communism. These were to be harbingers of the age coming to its close, for they were to "go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty" (Rev. 16: 14).

But more than this, John declared that the watchmen were to be active at this time. They are called upon to be especially alert because of the arrival of the day when, in conjunction with the study of other prophecies, what the Lord said of Himself in Revelation 16: 15 must be constantly kept in mind: "Behold, I come as a thief!" Thus, prophecy is our lamp, for it illuminates the way we have come. It is also a light unto our path, "that shineth in a dark [or squalid] place" (II Peter 1: 19), as we move forward, looking ahead to the day of the revelation of the Son of man.

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THE MARCH OF HISTORY

Displacement and Restoration

REPRESENTATIVE Clarence Cannon, Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, in speaking of the gravity of the financial problems of the United States Government, said:

"We are approaching bankruptcy just as fast as we can. We are moving with jet speed toward the time when we will have to start the printing presses to provide enough money to meet all our spending demands. I cannot understand how Members of Congress can vote for some of these spending proposals when they know that the money to finance them will have to be borrowed, with a consequent increase in the public debt and a further rise in the cost of living.

"All over the country housewives are protesting against the cost of living. The sole cause of this situation is that we are spending money that we do not have for things we could do without."

In the article, "The Time of Restoration," DESTINY for April 1951, we established the fact that 288 is the Number of Restoration, while 286 is that of Displacement. Is it not most significant, facing as we do a national deficit of 12 or 13 billion dollars this fiscal year, that, by a vote of 286, the House of Representatives raised the debt limit to 288 billions! This is the news report, taken from the *Chicago Daily Tribune* for Thursday, August 7, 1958:

"The House voted, 286 to 108, Wednesday [August 6, 1958] to boost the public debt ceiling by 8 billion dollars to a record peace-time high of 288 billions, as requested by the Administration."

Did those who made up this remarkable number of votes signify in so doing the ultimate displacement of the present economy through continued deficit spending, making inevitable the coming economic debacle that will hasten the day of the restoration of the God-given economy in which neither debt nor deficit spending will be countenanced?

The total dissenting vote, numbering 108, is not without its significance as well, for this is the sum of 9 x 12, and 12 is the Number of Government, while 9 is the Number of Finality or Judgment. Note the intriguing manner in which other numbers of chronological importance occurred on this historic occasion:

"Voting for passage of the debt limit increase Wednesday were 166 [Number of Man, plus 100] Democrats and 120 [Number of Warning] Republicans. The increase was opposed by 42 [Number of Confusion] Democrats and 66 [Number of Man] Republicans."

Representative Melvin R. Laird of Wisconsin made himself clear as to what all this portends. "We are on a spending spree of which I want no part," Laird said. "I think we are headed for serious trouble." Both Mr. Laird and Mr. Cannon clearly see the handwriting on

the wall, a fact emphatically confirmed in the above numbers. However, while their Biblical import signals Displacement, the Number of Restoration also heralds the coming of the day of restitution of the Divine economy that will solve all of the economic problems of a nation of great wealth hopelessly in debt.

Rightly Named

WHEN REFERRING TO the present world economy, the prophets of the Lord designated it by the use of one aptly descriptive word: "Babylon." John, in Revelation, given a preview of the ultimate judgment that would come upon the present world order, titles the economic system that governs it "Babylon the Great" (see Revelation, chapter 18). Thus, the Scriptures have always recognized that the entire world order of finance, commerce and trade had its origin in the time that Babylon was a flourishing empire.

Confirmation of the accuracy of the prophetic characterization of the present economy as "Babylon" is given in the *Saturday Evening Post* of January 25, 1958 under the title, "Our Credit System Has its Origins in Ancient Babylon." The author, George O. Henderson, states:

"About 4,000 years ago, Babylonian Emperor Hammurabi laid the foundation for capitalism and good faith in commerce with his historic code of equitable business practices . . . Realizing that malpractices could prostrate the country's economy, he proclaimed the first code of commercial law."

The author then proceeds to point out that, throughout the centuries, as the result of trial and error, this system was expanded until the present code of business ethics gradually evolved. While the writer of the above observations undertakes to demonstrate that the system itself is indestructible because it has endured for so long, John, in the Book of Revelation, depicts its sudden, violent end, timed to occur at the climax of the ending of the age.

It is most significant that the judgment which is predicted to overwhelm Babylon the Great is associated with the time John declares the summons to the Marriage Supper will go out. This is borne out by the fact that those mentioned as present at this festival are apparently unaware of the destruction of the world economy, for the announcement is made to them as they assemble together that Babylon the Great has been overthrown (Rev. 19: 1-2).

This clearly suggests that the supernatural happenings preceding the institution of this Supper are a contributing factor in bringing world economic activities to a standstill. The appearing of the sign of the Son of man in heaven, which precedes the Marriage Supper summons, will very likely destroy the confidence of those who have placed their trust in Babylon for the preservation of their wealth and assets and their future security.

After all, the continuation of the system is predicted upon the confidence of those who support it. It is actually faith that enables the modern extensive, as

well as complex, economic system to operate without trouble. The day of the actuality of miraculous phenomena will completely upset the present spirit of complacency and the faith of the multitudes in the continuity of the present world order will evaporate. John's description of the finality of the fall of Babylon the Great as the result of this is no exaggeration when he states its violent overthrow will be like that produced by a great millstone dropped into the midst of the sea (Rev. 18: 21).

Throughout history and in current events there has been presented a thrilling kaleidoscope of changing scenes, each a part of an over-all pattern as we move toward the grand finale. Their conformity with the Divine revelation of things to come is unnoticed by the overwhelming majority who, heedlessly unobservant, pass the days of their sojourning in this present order carelessly and without reverential fear in spite of exhortations to the contrary (I Peter 1: 13-25). However, it was predicted that this would be so, for Daniel declared (Dan. 12: 10) that none would understand except those whom the angel designated as the "wise" or "teachers"; that is, the few who would remain alert and watchful.

Flying Saucers Real

THROUGH DESTINY we have asserted that the so-called flying saucers are a reality. Now comes a report from one of the world's most eminent psychologists who maintains that they are definitely not quirks of the imagination. This is Dr. Carl Jung who resides in Zurich, Switzerland, and he states:

"I can only say for certain that these things are not a mere rumor; something has been seen. A purely psychological explanation is ruled out."

Dr. Jung has been studying unidentified flying objects (UFOS) since 1944 and he declares they show signs of intelligent guidance by quasi-human beings. He then goes on to speculate about their origin. This speculation will not be confirmed or denied until more is known about these objects. In the article, "Flying Saucers," published in DESTINY for March 1954 (pp. 79-84), three possible sources were given for these UFOS:

- 1) Divine and of God
- 2) Human and from men
- 3) Occult and satanically directed

Evidence was given indicating the third to be nearer the known facts than the first two, or the present assumption that they are possibly from other planets. If time proves that they are occult and satanically directed, Dr. Jung's reference to possible universal panic may see actual fulfillment when the whole scope of their sinister designs is made manifest.

The United States Air Force is accused of sitting on evidence that might reveal much. If this is so, they may be contributing to the augmentation of that panic when, without advance warning of any sort, the true facts suddenly become known.

3,000-Year-Old City

ARCHEOLOGICAL findings are always of interest, particularly so when they relate directly to Bible times. Dr. Joseph P. Free, Professor of Archeology at Wheaton College, dug up part of a 3,000-year-old city near Jerusalem this last spring. He found evidence of 15 cities, built one on top of the other after the preceding one was destroyed. Their datings range from 3000 B.C. to 1200 A.D. In the 200-foot mound that Professor Free has been excavating are found the ruins of Dothan about 60 miles north of Jerusalem, where Joseph (1724 B.C.) was sold by his brothers into slavery. Also, Elisha the Prophet lived there (850 B.C.) and, no doubt, the important administrative building Professor Free found in excavating the ruins of Dothan, dating from about 1000 to 700 B.C., was very likely visited by Elisha while a resident of that city.

The natives called the mound Dothan Hill, but the Arabs who owned it were not interested in selling the land. It took two years of negotiations by Dr. Free before he managed to lease the land and finally it was purchased by the expedition.

The findings of archeologists are continually adding to the evidence verifying the accuracy of the Scriptures. Much yet is to be revealed and we look forward to the day when some major discovery will firmly shut the mouths of atheists and higher critics.

Who Wins?

AS POINTED OUT by the Taxation and Finance Department of the United States Chamber of Commerce, in this day of confiscatory tax rates it takes far more than ability, courage, perseverance, or even good fortune, to accumulate any appreciable amount of money. Reference was then made to Elfrida Von Nardroff who won \$220,500 on a television program to become the biggest single quiz program winner in history. But when she settles her Federal tax bill, she will be allowed to retain only 21.1 per cent of her winnings. Out of nearly a quarter of a million dollars in earnings, Elfrida will be allowed to keep only \$46,481. Then followed this comment:

"Is this an isolated example? No — many Americans are today working from 1 to 4 days of every work week just to pay their tax bill. Elfrida's case is just another example of a tax system that kills incentive and encourages tax avoidance and evasion."

We are acquainted with businessmen who could expand their activities, employ more help and add to the wealth of their particular communities. Why do they not expand? One businessman made the rejoinder, "Why should I?" He went on to explain that, if he followed such a course, he would add to his responsibilities, multiply his problems and assume additional labor difficulties. In return for all this, he would graduate into a higher income tax bracket, with the result that the financial returns would not be worth the effort involved.

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This is not an isolated case. We know of men working for salaries who have refused promotions, considering the added responsibility that would be theirs not worth the raise in salary due to the graduation into a higher tax bracket. While no one knows how many times such cases can be multiplied throughout our land, it can be definitely stated that, by the destruction of incentive, we are paying a price out of all proportion to the amount of money that is being collected by our government in the form of taxes. Just as surely as the Roman Empire destroyed itself through exorbitant taxation, so we today have embarked upon a course that, unless changed, will have the same ending.

Trumpeting Events

FOR MANY YEARS now Russia has been determined to get complete control of the whole of the Middle East. During the nineteenth century the Western Powers, and Great Britain in particular, did everything in their power to prevent the Czars from gaining a foothold on the shores of the Mediterranean. The dispute between Russia and Turkey, which was ostensibly the occasion for the Crimean War of 1853, related to the holy places in Jerusalem. Nicholas, Czar of Russia, demanded that he be allowed to exercise a sole protectorate over the Christians of Greek faith in the Turkish Empire which, at that time, included all of Palestine. By a display of naval force the English and French endeavored to intimidate Russia, but it did not produce the desired effect. The French and British then landed forces in the Crimea in September of 1854 and the Russians were prevented from obtaining their objective; that is, exercising control over the Middle East.

What Russia under the Czars failed to accomplish, Soviet Russia is now about to bring to pass, fulfilling centuries of planning involving "the Eastern question." The turning point came in the Soviet plan to dominate this area when the French and British failed in their invasion of the Suez Canal Zone during October of 1956. The result of this failure has given Soviet Russia a dominating position in Middle Eastern affairs. The United States of America must bear the brunt of the blame for the failure at that time to defeat Soviet ambitions in this territory because of the tremendous pressure our national leaders in Washington brought to bear upon Great Britain, compelling the evacuation of both the French and the British from the Suez Canal Zone. The events which have followed in the Middle East stem directly from our failure to back up the French and the British when they moved in to prevent Soviet domination of this vital area. Had there been statesmen instead of politicians in positions of authority at Washington during the critical period following the Anglo-French invasion of Egypt, a far different story would now be told.

Our blundering foreign policy, insofar as the Middle East is concerned, has been instrumental in placing Soviet Russia in a position to have a major voice in the settlement of issues involving this part of the Arab world. The stage is now being set for the next and major move on the part of the Kremlin.

United States and British troops were landed in Lebanon and Jordan, at the urgent request of the governments of these two nations, in order to prevent a coup that would work to the advantage of Moscow. Soviet Russia is determined that these troops shall be withdrawn. If, under pressure or through a compromise, this is done, the way will then be open for the major Soviet move that will place Russia's forces in full possession of the very territory we will have evacuated. It cannot be too strongly stressed that, if the troops of the United States and Britain are withdrawn from the Middle East under whatever circumstances, the immediate result will be to create anti-Western governments in both places. The stage will then be set for the rapid fulfillment of the Prophet Daniel's prediction which is dealt with in the book, *Study in Daniel*, written in the fall of 1947 and published in the early spring of 1948.* There the following statement was made:

"Using the names by which the Kings of the North and the South are to be identified in this crisis period, the hidden details of the events affecting Palestine in the closing days of the present age may now be revealed. Paraphrasing that portion of these verses which applies to the events in this crisis period, and using the information given in the translations by both Moffatt and Ferrar Fenton, it would read about as follows:

"At the end of years Soviet Russia will advance with a great army and numerous cavalry. At the same time many will arise against Great Britain, while the renegades among the Jews will undertake to accomplish the establishment of a kingdom, but will fail. Then Soviet Russia will come and throw up defenses and capture cities. The armies of Great Britain will not be able to stop her advances, and even all the chosen people [modern Israel], including the United States of America, will be powerless to stop the onrush of the Soviets and prevent the Kremlin from attaining her objectives. The Russian hordes will establish themselves in Palestine [as Ferrar Fenton points out, "with destruction in his hand" (Dan. 11:16)] and none will be able to successfully oppose them in their campaign.'" (*Study in Daniel*, pp. 310-311.)

Again in *Study in Daniel*, referring to the significant meaning of Soviet moves in Palestine, the following observation was made:

"When Soviet Russia moves into the Middle East the stage will be set for the fulfillment of the predictions that will bring the present age to its close." (*Study in Daniel*, p. 302.)

We cannot too strongly stress how tremendously important the events are which are now taking place, particularly in relation to Soviet moves in the Middle East. Prophetic students of the past would be amazed if they were alive today and could follow current world developments and note the territory involved, with the headline news mentioning the very names the prophets used in describing the crisis that would end the age. Further than this, they would be even more astonished were they to attend the average church service and listen to the sermons of pastors and priests. Hardly a word would be heard indicating the outstanding prophetic importance of events now taking place. Too,

they would find little, if any, evidence that would indicate an alertness on the part of most Christians as to the meaning of events or their significance as event signs signalling the nearness of the Second Advent. Instead these earlier prophetic students would behold a worldly church bereft of prophetic understanding or so immersed in ritualistic practices that it would have no time to devote to the words of the prophets of the Lord which were addressed to our generation.

The *Pictorial Review* of some years ago characterized the conditions in the modern American Church in a rather striking manner in an article entitled: "Has the World Conquered the Church?" It wrote as follows:

"The church has been wedded to the world, and the world is now her married name. She is now truly the church of the world, as formerly she was the church of God. She is far more influential socially and politically. She can elect you to a high office and does it. If you contribute enough to her support, she may move you in the worst and highest society. She keeps up with the Dives crowd. She will yet buy grand opera for her choirs. She gets money, not merely as she did formerly from her own church collections, but from her husband, the world at large. She would be in bankruptcy if it were not for the union she has contracted with the world. The church is not gaining the world. The world is gaining the church. More money is being spent by the church for religious purposes than ever was spent in the history of mankind, and never before have men and women been so indifferent to the teaching of religion. You may join the church and still remain entirely of the world in your life and character. Preachers must be produced suitable for this church of the world. They do not lead their flocks, the flock leads them. They are intelligent, entertaining speakers, but they do not speak with authority. Some of them are sensational preachers, but with all the fuss they make, with all the publicity they get from the press, they come woefully short of the stature of these older preachers of the Word. The reason is that they have themselves no convincing sense of the Gospel they preach. The trouble is this. The church has become rational and is growing less spiritual. The church is losing the vision and is engaged more and more in the purely secular salvation of man. There is a decadence of faith. And the fear is, what kind of rabid faith will take the place of this sublime and simple faith which had inspired the greatest churches, the bravest deeds, the monuments and motives of mankind?"

Perhaps never in the history of all Christendom were the professed leaders of the church, both Protestant and Catholic, more ignorant of the meaning of the signs of the times than now. But it was so when Jesus walked in Palestine and it was to be so again just prior to His Second Advent. While our Lord condemned His generation for their failure to mark the meaning of the times and seasons, our generation would come under even greater condemnation, for the information available as to the meaning of what is transpiring around us is a thousandfold greater, due to the accumulated prophetic evidence focusing upon these days, than it was 2,000 years ago.

Because a spirit of deep sleep has closed the eyes of our ecclesiastical and civil leaders, so that the vision has become as the words of a book that is sealed, the Prophet Isaiah quotes the Lord as saying:

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The Greater and Lesser Sheepfolds

By Howard B. Rand

ATTENTION has already been drawn to the vital importance of giving consideration to the fact that the followers of our Lord fall into two distinct classifications. The first group — and this is by far the most numerous — is composed of all those who have accepted Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour. Through Him they have the assurance of salvation and the right to eternal life. They have become the "children of God" and, therefore, "heirs of God" (Rom. 8: 16-17). The second group — and, in comparison to the first, they are few in number — are those Christians who, having met the Divine terms in dedication and service, will become joint-heirs with Jesus Christ (Rom. 8: 17). Because they are committed to seek the higher calling, they strive to gain the victory over the world. To them our Lord communicates this message:

"These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world." (John 16: 33.)

The Overcomers

In company with their Lord, who overcame all, they too are designated as overcomers and they are to be associated with Him in the governance of His Kingdom. The Prophet Daniel referred to this special classification when he declared "the people of the saints of the most High" will receive the Kingdom (Dan. 7: 27). The literal rendering of Daniel's statement is: "The righteous ones of the holy ones of the most High shall receive the kingdom."* In using this phraseology, the prophet is referring to those simply called overcomers in the New Testa-

ment, who are to *inherit* the Kingdom of God; that is, become its rulers.

When we turn to the New Testament Scriptures, we find it is this inner group who will be accounted worthy to join our Lord and go in with Him to the Marriage Supper (Luke 21: 36 & Rev. 19: 9). In the Book of Revelation it is made clear in the first three chapters that, out of each of the Church Ages of the Christian Dispensation, those designated as overcomers would be selected, being singled out because they have qualified for special blessings:

"They are promised immortality, for they are to reign with Him in the restored Kingdom. They are to have access to the *Tree of Life* in the midst of the Garden of God, where there will be peace, joy and happiness forever. To those who are faithful unto death a *Crown of Life* is promised and the second death will have no power over them. Their food will be the *hidden manna* as they live in close covenant relationship with God and in fellowship with Jesus Christ. They will receive a *new name* to go with the exalted position they will occupy. Having kept His word to the end, power over the nations is promised when the Morning Star arises and they awaken in His likeness. Receiving the white raiment of righteousness, their names will not be blotted out of the Book of Life and the Lord declares of each, 'I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.' These overcomers are to become pillars in the Temple of God, occupying positions of support and power in the restored Kingdom. Becoming citizens of the New Jerusalem, they will receive the *New Name* of God, and will rule with Christ. Thus, becoming like their Lord, they will be co-heirs with Him in the Kingdom, sitting down with Him in His throne, just as He overcame and sat down with His Father in His throne." (Study in Daniel, pp. 190-191.)

Special Ingatherings

In the fourteenth chapter of Revelation, John describes what he beheld in terms of the reaping of the harvest. When the analogy of the harvest is used in relation to the grouping of individuals, two similarities which stand out prominently are: 1) that reaping takes place only when spiritual maturity is reached; 2) that the grading follows according to quality.

John therefore depicts two reapings, the first when the Son of man sits upon the cloud and selects those who are to go in with Him to the Marriage Supper (Rev. 14: 14-16). The second reaping, which follows, is not presided over by our Lord and is for the great winepress of the wrath of God (Rev. 14: 19). The reaping in which our Lord engages personally is a very special ingathering, for in answering Esdras' question concerning who will be saved, He stated, "[I have] kept me a grape of the cluster" (II Esdras 9: 21).

Paul refers to this specific ingathering of a selected group in I Thessalonians 4: 16-17. Daniel refers to the same in terms of those who have purified themselves as the result of trials and testings in order that they may appear in the white garments of righteousness (Dan. 12: 10). Malachi lists them as those who fear the Lord and "spake often one to another" as they "thought upon his name," stating that God "will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him" (Mal. 3: 16-18). Only a few, comparatively speaking, will be included in this group.

The Marriage Supper

In giving His disciples the Parable of the Ten Virgins, Jesus meant His followers to learn many lessons

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from this graphic symbolical story which makes direct reference to the Marriage Supper of the Lamb (Matt. 25: 1-13). It is made quite clear that it is the wise only — that is, the overcomers — who will join the Lord in that festival. John refers to the Supper itself in Revelation, chapter 19, at the close of which the triumphant return of our Lord will take place. At that time those who were invited to partake of that Supper with their Lord will return with Him to assume rulership in His Kingdom.

Our Lord makes the truth plain in this parable that there will be a division among Christians, for not all will attain to the higher calling which will make it possible for them to be with Him at the Marriage Supper. The spiritual qualities to be manifested by those who will be "accounted worthy" (Luke 21: 36) are found by making a careful comparison of Scriptural statements which stress the preparedness of the wise (Matt. 25: 4), the single-mindedness of the overcomers (Phil. 3: 13-14) and the alert readiness of the watchmen (Matt. 24: 42-44). Those who wish to investigate this aspect of Christian living more deeply are referred to the book, *Behold, He Cometh!*,* where they will find set forth the "meat in due season" which the faithful servant is to dispense as the day of the Lord's revealing draws near.

Three Witnesses

Having shown from the Scriptures that there is indeed a special group being selected, designated as overcomers, who are to reign with our Lord, we should expect to find these same distinctions symbolically presented in the revelation-measures of the Great Pyramid. And not only would we expect to find the Great Pyramid of Gizeh, the miracle in stone, bearing testimony to this, but the pictorial star groupings, which we call the constellations in the heavens, should also proclaim the same fundamental truth. If this proves to be true, then, in the mouth of these three witnesses, the facts will be established beyond refutation.

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The Great Pyramid's Testimony

In DESTINY for July 1958, in the article titled "Displacement Overcome," two such groups are clearly indicated as moving toward the day when displacement will be overcome. The Scriptures clearly show that the overcomers reach the day of reconciliation long before the Kingdom itself comes fully into harmony with the Divine purpose as the people awaken to their responsibility in the day of restoration. The course pursued by the overcomers, and that pursued by the Kingdom people during the period of "The King's Chamber," are delineated on Plate VII, published with the above-mentioned article. Displacement, and all other symbolical terms and phrases which apply, are defined in the text.

Taking part in the ritual of circumambulation, the overcomers move into position west of the Open Tomb, while the Kingdom people, having turned westward at the center of the King's Chamber, are moving from the east toward the day when the righteous ones, or overcomers, will assume rulership in the Kingdom.

The Witness of the Stars

The question now arises: Do we have a similar testimony in the constellations spread across the broad heavens, telling the same story the Bible and Great Pyramid tell? If we do, then, in this threefold evidence of the Divine purpose in regard to the overcomers and to His Kingdom people, the actuality of the selection of a specific group to furnish rulership in the Kingdom of God when it is restored upon earth is verified beyond a shadow of doubt.

Among the divisions of the stellar heavens into pictorial groups, there are two configurations which draw our attention in this study. One is known as URSA MINOR and the other is URSA MAJOR or, as designated today, The Little Bear and The Great Bear. We discover that actually no bear is found in any Chaldean, Egyptian, Persian or Indian Zodiac. Furthermore, no bear was ever seen with such a tail as that depicted on the animals representing the above constellations.

The primitive truth is that there are two constellations, both depicting the same animal, but one larger than the other. The meaning of the stars making up these constellations provides the clue as to the identification of the animals. In URSA MAJOR the brightest star is DUBHEH, a *herd of animals*; in Arabic it means *cattle*, in Hebrew, a *fold*. The Hebrew word DOHVEH means *rest* or *security*. (One would hardly expect either in company with bears.)

Sheep of His Pasture

As a matter of fact, these two constellations originally depicted two sheepfolds, the greater and the lesser, and it is in these folds that the flocks would find rest and security. The Bible again and again refers to Israel as the sheep of His pasture:

"Hear the word of the Lord, O ye nations, and declare it in the isles afar off, and say, He that scattered Israel will gather him, and keep him, as a shepherd doth his flock." (Jer. 31: 10.)

"For thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I, even I, will both search my sheep, and seek them out. As a shepherd seeketh out his flock in the day that he is among his sheep that are scattered; so will I seek out my sheep, and will deliver them out of all places where they have been scattered in the cloudy and dark day." (Ez. 34: 11-12.)

"Thus shall they know that I the Lord their God am with them, and that they, even the house of Israel, are my people, saith the Lord God. And ye my flock, the flock of my pasture, are men, and I am your God, saith the Lord God." (Ez. 34: 30-31.)

Many other references could be cited in which God's people are likened to the sheep of His fold, but those quoted above are sufficient to establish the identification.

The Great Congregation

The greater fold, now called URSA MAJOR, was named by the Arabs AL NAISH or ANNAISH, meaning *the assembled together* as sheep in a fold. The brightest star in this constellation is named DUBHE and it means a *herd of animals* or a *flock*. Thus this constellation represents the House of Israel, designated as His flock by the Prophet Ezekiel. Another star of this constellation is

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Month By Month ·

by A. R. H.

THESE seems to exist a widespread impression that Zionism should be immune from criticism or reproach because the majority of Jews (so it is alleged) are in favor of a Jewish state. To convince anyone that this is not the case is an uphill task and is one to be assayed by those alone who are not afraid of being falsely labelled anti-Semitic. Paradoxically enough, the most pro-Zionist publication of recent times provides unwittingly the most conclusive evidence that, from its inception, the Zionist idea has been disowned by many leaders in Jewry.

Thus it comes about that the work of Marvin Lowenthal, in publishing *The Diaries of Theodor Herzl*, reveals that opposition which the founder of Zionism encountered from prominent Jews was much more formidable than is popularly supposed. Jotted down day by day in the heat of the moment, these notes have the ring of conviction about them. They do not suffer from the fault of being wise after the event.

Rabbis Distrusted Zionism

In a brilliant review of this book, Hugh Trevor-Roper provides us with the following valuable comments:

"Herzl's diaries are the record of ever-changing tactics directed to one constant aim. At first he approached the Jewish millionaires: Baron von Hirsch, who had financed Jewish colonies in the Argentine, and Edmond de Rothschild. But rich Jews, the naturalized Jews, the rabbis, all distrusted Zionism and Herzl soon turned against them. He threatened to enlist 'popular fanaticism' against Hirsch and to 'demolish him in print.' He denounced the Rothschilds as 'vulgar and contemptuous egotists, a collection of idiots.' He discovered a talent for inspiring the masses, found himself intoxicated by his own oratory, felt the halo growing around him."

A Seeming Fantasy

"Herzl must remind us of Hitler. He was a man of one idea, a demagogue of genius with a touch of megalomania. He saw his people humbled and persecuted, yet promised them a future greatness which then seemed an absurd fantasy. He undertook to gather up the scattered resources of Jewry, to destroy all rival leaders — 'wherever we find opposition we shall break it' — to unite Jewish capital and Jewish labor into Jewish nationalism; to capture the younger generation ('our youth, of course, I shall capture by storm'), to educate it by patriotic songs, 'the Maccabean tradition,' tribal religion and appeals to honor and to create, one way or another, *so oder so* — as Hitler would say — by concentrated will-power a modern secular state."

This review is so remarkable for its clarity in summarizing the salient facts revealed in these diaries that we make no apology for quoting further, as follows:

"Herzl never saw the fulfillment or distortion of his dream.

When the Jewish State was created, after Herzl's death, it was by his methods. Since then it has become clear that other forces are also involved. In spite of his own demagoguery, Herzl was strangely unaware of these forces. It seems never to have occurred to him that the Arab inhabitants of Palestine might resent Jewish intrusion. To him, the Arabs were just the natives over whom the Jews would benevolently rule."

An Enormous Hinterland

"Once Palestine had been first penetrated, then conquered, what could not Jewish energy achieve in the neglected East? PALESTINE HAD 'AN ENORMOUS HINTERLAND,' A *Lebensraum* FOR EXPANSION. THE ZIONISTS AIMED, NOT AT 'OLD PALESTINE' BUT AT 'GREATER PALESTINE.'"

"At times, as was natural, he became depressed; the Jews he felt were not worthy of his great designs. But he never gave up. After all, how had the German empire been created? 'Out of ribbons, flags, songs, speeches and, finally, out of war.' Bismarck had called upon his people to make a big sacrifice by plunging them into one war after another. A nation that in peace had drowsed away its existence, jubilantly embraced unity in war. *So oder so*. . . ."

It may be argued that this is all to do with the past and therefore has a comparative significance only. But on a recent visit to the Israeli State, Nora Beloff encountered experiences which confirm that a similar trend of ideas persists today.

Promises To Jews

Thus, in the *Observer*, she writes:

"The Israelis are so proud of having welcomed almost a million exiles since their State was formed that they have little pity to spare for the Palestine Arab refugees unable to seek similar hospitality from their own co-religionaries in the neighboring Muslim countries. The Jews no longer notice the pitiful ruins of deserted Arab villages which scar the country from end to end.

"Out of such ruins, high up in northern Galilee, a young rabbi from Tunis has built a school. We were invited to share their lunch. The rabbi predicted that the persecution of Jews would spread and ultimately they would all return to Israel. 'Where would you put them?' I asked. 'One can always squeeze to make room for the family,' he said. 'I AM A BELIEVER AND I DON'T DOUBT THAT GOD WILL REDEEM HIS PROMISE TO THE JEWS AND GIVE US ALL THE LAND UP TO THE IRAQI FRONTIER.' The target for the next ten years is to raise the population from two millions to three."

Here is a striking example of the way in which the Zionist dream has come into being through a distortion of interpretation of promises made in the Bible to the Israel peoples as distinct from the Jews. The extraordinary obsession that the Jewish people are the Israel people is the root cause of this distortion. Controversy over this question of the rightful sovereignty of Palestine is due to reach a climax shortly. Nowhere is this

thorny issue more pungently proclaimed than in Ezekiel 11: 15, where the "inhabitants of Jerusalem," or Jews, are portrayed as confronting "all the House of Israel wholly" with the challenge: "Get you far from the Lord: unto us is this land given in possession."

One phase of this was fulfilled in 1948 when treachery in high places, coupled with the blind ignorance of the churches in pandering to this absurd obsession, upon which such high-sounding pretensions are based, resulted in the abdication of British sovereignty as the mandatory power in the Holy Land. The prophecy of the "budding of the Fig Tree" has been fulfilled. For Zionist aspirations now apparently reaching their peak there remains nothing in the future except "Dead Sea Fruit" and the challenge must now begin to boomerang with devastating repercussions upon those who issued it.

Heart Of Unrest

Recently the Saudi Arabian Government issued a statement on foreign affairs saying that "within the Arab world the existence of Israel was seen as the root of all evil." Certainly, the state of the Mid-East turmoil justifies its latest description of being "the heart of world unrest."

Meanwhile, claiming that he had come to find out what Israeli military experts think of the changed situation since the Suez crisis, Ralph Izzard, *Daily Mail* correspondent, reporting from Jerusalem, avers:

"This week Israel celebrates her tenth anniversary of statehood. If she had one birthday wish, it is 'Peace'; something she has never known since the first day of her existence. In her second decade 'peace' must seem as far away as ever.

"I have come here to find out what Israeli political and military experts think of the splitting of the Arab world into two bitterly-opposed camps, and the overall encroachment of Soviet Russia into an area which has traditionally been a Western sphere of influence. I have found something which was not by any means apparent when I was here a year ago and that is a much more buoyant confidence. Twelve months ago there was an inescapable sense of chagrin and frustration at having been compelled to give up the fruits of victory of the Sinai campaign. Today the net gains of Sinai have been assessed and digested."

Khrushchev's Drive South

"Israelis regard Russia as an unfriendly power, but they do not think that Khrushchev thinks them of sufficient importance for him to risk a world war by being directly aggressive. THEY FEEL THAT IN PENETRATING THE MIDDLE EAST AND BEYOND, KHRUSHCHEV IS AFTER MUCH BIGGER 'GAME', AND THAT ARMS SUPPLIES ARE LESS INTENDED TO THREATEN ISRAEL THAN TO FLATTER AND BEGUILE THE ARABS FOR OTHER PURPOSES. They realize that as Great Power rivalry in the Middle East develops, other factors could lead to war and that they would probably be caught up in it, but in such a case they would not be without allies. KHRUSHCHEV'S DRIVE SOUTH IS IN THE FIRST PLACE AN EXPRESSION OF RUSSIA'S DETERMINATION TO BREAK THROUGH THE 'CONTAINING RING' PROVIDED BY THE BAGHDAD PACT COUNTRIES."

Soviet Stepping-Stones

"There is a growing belief here that Khrushchev is think-

ing beyond the Middle East and has in mind the mastery of Africa. Syria, Egypt and Yemen may be merely stepping-stones in this pursuit. Obviously great sections of the African Continent are susceptible to the line of Nationalist, anti-Imperialist or anti-Colonialist propaganda which both Nasser and Khrushchev purvey. It could be that these sections will slip from our grasp and the Western European nations would find themselves completely outflanked in the South. We may not be as alive to this danger as we should be."

In this statement we have a significant commentary on the prophecy of Daniel regarding the contest between the "king of the north" and the "king of the south," referred to in previous articles in this series. Indeed, as far back as 1926, energetic efforts were made by prophetic students to draw the attention of military authorities to the vital, strategic importance of the Equatorial Region of Central Africa. After more than thirty years of premonitory warnings, military observers begin at last to see the prospect in the light which prophetic vision long since shed upon the unfolding picture in advance of actual events.

Southern Strategic Potential

To students of the fulfillment of prophecy, believing in all that the prophets have spoken, and not in part only, it came as no surprise to see the South African Minister of External Affairs contributing a special message entitled: "A Vital Factor," to the *Daily Mail* in which he stressed as follows:

"Africa must be viewed as a vital and decisive factor in the balance of power between the free world and the communist world. During the past year or two the economic and strategic potential of this region has been more fully realized and has led to a CONCENTRATION OF INTEREST IN THE AFRICAN CONTINENT, PARTICULARLY SOUTH OF THE SAHARA."

Recent interference in the Lebanon by Soviet agents in attempts to gain a toe-hold in the Levant has demonstrated to doubters that there is no place for neutrals in Nasser's empire.

The present pattern of events is strikingly summarized by J. Slade-Baker when he avers:

"Nasser's ambition is to make Egyptian influence paramount from Aden to Aleppo, from Cairo to Casablanca, from Khartoum to Zanzibar. What of the future? Events have proved that Egypt is capable of harassing and interfering in the internal affairs of any Arab state and the implications are that she will continue to do so.

"The immediate interest shown by America and Russia indicate not only that Lebanon is in the front line of the cold war but that events unwisely handled could cause a major conflagration."

Thus we see the prophetic process, described as the gathering of all nations against Jerusalem for the Battle of That Great Day of God Almighty, continuing in its predicted course as a consequence of the inexorable law of cause and effect.

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THE MIDDLE EAST is now at last recognized as the area of supreme decision. In this area one of the greatest world struggles in recorded history will, in due course, be brought to culmination. In this area, East and West will clash; and in this area the whole future of the world will be decided within the next fairly short period of time. We do not believe that a clash can be averted. We think that all plans should be made with that in mind. We exclude any chance of a compromise with Arab extremism, because the hand that guides it is that of Soviet Russia and not that of Colonel Nasser. Nasser may imagine himself to be independent; but the facts show that he is not. If he weakened, he would be removed. Russia needs extremists in order to attain her objective, and she has used them so far with much skill and some success.

As the weeks went by and there was no sign whatsoever of Western intervention, and the government of the Lebanon failed to crush the revolt, some of the relatively neutral elements began to think that it was time to climb on to the fence. It was not long before they were followed by a number of former active government supporters. President Chamoun was then compelled to withdraw his candidature in the coming Presidential election. So far, the plan was working quite well and there was still no sign of Western intervention. The next phase of the general plan was revolt in Jordan and Iraq, to be followed by the creation of trouble in the Persian province of Azerbaijan.

The anti-Government plot in Iraq alarmed the Western Powers to such an extent that United States and British intervention in the Lebanon and Jordan swiftly followed. It is probable that Moscow did not expect this Western intervention. Soviet plans, however, are always flexible, and Moscow now hopes that political situations can be created in the Lebanon and Jordan in which the United States and British forces can be made to appear unwelcome intruders. Besides this — watch Azerbaijan.

If America and Britain were now to weaken, Russia would simply gain total domination and would pay off the extremists she has employed by an attack on Israel, which the Western Powers are pledged by treaty to defend. We could thus gain only a short respite of no value whatsoever if America and Britain now weaken under pressure. It was because all this was already so clearly threatening in 1956 that Sir Anthony Eden decided upon intervention in the Canal area. He made the mistake of not explaining his real motives, and of striking rather late and with insufficient speed and force. At the time of Suez, Russia's preparations in the Middle East were far from complete. If we had fought

it out at that time the situation might now be very different. However, such were the pressures that Britain felt herself too weak to withstand them. Now, America has been obliged to act for very much the same reasons as Britain in 1956 — and she faces pressures in consequence. Every Soviet agency has been mobilized to enforce an American and British withdrawal. One is inclined to think that Russia would not make any final move while there was any chance of America and Britain weakening.

Unfortunately, both London and Washington seem to be making the same mistake as Sir Anthony Eden did in 1956 by not explaining their real motives. The reasons for Western intervention are: Control of the Middle East oil areas by Russia would mean absolute disaster for the West. One further step by Russia would, in any case, involve Israel which the Western Powers are committed by treaty to defend. To wait to do so in far worse conditions would be madness. The loss of the Middle East would be followed by the total loss of southeast Asia and the trapping of the Western Powers in a hopeless strategic situation everywhere. Loss of the Middle East would bring all Western Europe to a halt unless we paid Russia's price in full. That price would be total surrender on every front to all Russia's demands. It would mean death to Western civilization. Those are the true reasons for Western intervention in the Middle East.

If the next 12-24 months are to be spent with West and East glaring at each other in the Middle East — with Russia awaiting her best hour to strike — it is to be hoped that the Western Powers will spend that time in taking some elementary precautions which are long overdue. But will Russia sit still while the West gains time to prepare? Why should she give us a breathing-space? She will do so only if she thinks that the time will weaken and not strengthen us. She will hold back only if she thinks that by doing so she can still gain her ends without a clash; or, in other words, as a result of our eventual surrender. If she does not think that to be likely, she will strike at an early date. Russia will carefully balance the worth of pro-Soviet influence in the West; war fears; and the possibility of tiredness from a prolonged crisis, against the dangers of an awakening in the West and all that would follow. Thus, the issue of peace or war is certainly on a knife-edge and will remain so until this struggle reaches its climax by one means or another.

The economy of Europe depends upon Middle East oil; and if it can be had only on Russian terms, that would spell absolute and total defeat for the NATO forces. Russia is strong enough to finance her Middle

East friends for at least two years if they were ordered to deprive us of oil. The NATO Powers could not survive the same period of time without it, unless and until new sources were opened. New sources cannot be expected yet awhile to a large enough extent. It is therefore during this critical period that Russia means to gain her ends. She knows that if she abandoned this policy, her days as a really powerful force would be numbered.

All in all, we therefore feel that the great world Powers are being gathered into a life-or-death struggle in the Middle East. By a strange sequence of events, starting in July 1914, through many and violent clashes we have moved toward this. The first world war weakened Turkey and aroused Zionism. It sowed the seeds of Arab nationalism and caused the Russian revolution. The second world war created modern Soviet Russia, inflamed its ambitions, and destroyed decisive British power in the Middle East, while creating the State of Israel. The cold war did the rest. It was obvious that Russia would try to gain domination of the world's most vital area — and one so near to her. It was equally clear that her best card would be Arab extremism; and that, in turn, would inevitably involve both the oil and Israel. That the Western Powers could eventually tolerate the loss of this area to Russia was impossible to believe. Thus, the direction in which events were heading was always the same. There were many points at which the tide might have been turned. But at each one the Western Powers failed until the ultimate crisis stared them in the face — as it now does. Nevertheless, the story is not yet over by any means. It would seem that a whole series of terminal events may yet occur before the struggle reaches its absolute climax. It would also seem, however, that those terminal occurrences may unfold fairly quickly as historic events go. On balance, therefore, we advise precautions.

If the proposed summit meeting took place and ended in any kind of Western compromise, the entire world would consider that another "Suez" had occurred. The main issue in the Middle East was, and is, unrealized by public opinion. The issue was, and is, that the Western Powers cannot, without deadly danger to themselves, allow the Soviet military build-up of this area to continue. The fall of the Iraqi regime spelled the creation of another Soviet military bloc. The fall of the regimes in Jordan and the Lebanon would have spelled the same. That these regimes would fall under the pistol held by Soviet agencies was certain unless the Western Powers gave protection to the existing Governments. However, it is also clear that the moment Anglo-American forces withdrew, in whatever circumstances short of the elimination of all Soviet military influence from the entire area. Jordan and the Lebanon would at once collapse. Nasser and Arab nationalism were, are, and will remain merely incidental. Nasser is a prisoner of Soviet world policy, and a helpless prisoner at that. It has always been impossible to separate him from Russia except by giving him Israel. That, the Russians are able to promise, but the West cannot contemplate, owing to our treaty obligations, to say the least. If the Jordan-Lebanon crisis ended in another Suez, the whole Middle East would

blow up within a few months in much worse conditions when the southern Arabian protectorates and Israel came under final attack. The popular idea that the Arabs should be allowed to choose whatever Governments they like and all would be well is destroyed by the fact that Iraq, Jordan, and the Lebanon were all three independent nations and were in no sense colonial territories; and every recent event has shown just how independent they were. These independent regimes were threatened with destruction by forces armed at the express wish of the Soviet Union, and armed by the Soviet Union.

These absolutely free countries were interfered with by aggression and two of them — namely, Jordan and the Lebanon — freely asked for protection against aggression cleverly mounted from within. Britain and America were obliged to give this protection; and to have refused to do so would have violated every principle of international obligation and law.

If the Soviet Union regards the protection of independent countries against foreign-inspired aggression — even though internally plotted — as a cause for world war, they cannot on that account be allowed to frighten the Western Powers into one retreat after another. If the Western Powers were so frightened into retreat, then the entire world would eventually be lost piece by piece.

We do not believe there is going to be a further Western capitulation. Information reaching this Service leads us to believe that Britain and America are now going to stand firm. At the same time we believe that a major East-West clash in the Middle East is now ultimately unavoidable. The point has been reached at which we have to choose definitely and irrevocably between surrender to Russian Middle East hegemony and a firm, uncompromising stand.

The situation in East Africa needs to be carefully watched. Nasser has distinct ambitions there and a move by him in that direction is not unlikely. In the meantime, more trouble is being engineered in Kenya. Trouble is also brewing in Uganda and seems to be centered on the Basoga tribe who live in the eastern part of the territory. The Kabaka of Uganda is now becoming a tool of Nasser. Indian propaganda also continues to play an evil part.

Despite Soviet propaganda against missile bases in Europe, the establishment of rocket launching sites in Hungary is being energetically pushed forward, notably in the Pilis and Bakoni Mountains. The system is mainly in a triangle formed by the towns of Hajmasker, Papa and Tapolca. The bases are almost exclusively manned by Russians, under tight security. Construction is extremely rapid, and the above areas will probably be ready for full operation by November this year.

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GEORGE WASHINGTON'S VISION

EDITOR'S NOTE: The vision George Washington related to Anthony Sherman at Valley Forge has been published a number of times in former issues of DESTINY Magazine over the past twenty-seven years. However, in every case the edition of DESTINY in which it was published quickly sold out. In DESTINY for December 1957 reference was made to this vision in commenting on the racial issue the Supreme Court of the United States dropped into our midst. It was pointed out editorially that the feeling engendered as a result could become a major contributing factor that would involve the colored race, for the father of our country, George Washington, saw Africa as one of the continents to be joined with Europe and Asia in the final troubles which would afflict us. Due to the demand, we are again publishing this vision and, in doing so, we are following the style of handling as it appeared in DESTINY for July 1950 when we quoted a dispatch from Rome as evidence that the vision is coming true.

WRITING FROM Rome, Karl H. von Wiegand stated in his news dispatch of May 28th:

"The battlefield will be the United States, not Western Europe, if war comes. That is the prediction and report that is being spread through Soviet and Communistic channels in the Soviet East German republic, according to reliable information that has reached certain quarters in Rome. It may be propaganda, but there may be such ideas and plans in Moscow, just as in Washington it is planned to carry the war deep into Russia and Siberia."

For many years we have been familiar with reprints of George Washington's vision, the earliest being published in 1859 A.D. DESTINY first published this vision in July 1931 and again in DESTINY for August 1940. Mr. von Wiegand's comment that, if war comes, the United States will be the battlefield brings to mind the warning given. The vision itself is self-explanatory and, as it will be seen, rests upon the testimony of two individuals — Anthony Sherman and Wesley Bradshaw. It will be noticed that Anthony Sherman was the only living person at that time, to whom George Washington told the vision. Calculation shows that Sherman was then about eighteen years old and that he lived to attain the age of 99 years

to tell about it just before the opening of the Great Rebellion, the second peril mentioned by the angel.

Following is the vision itself, related by Wesley Bradshaw as it was told to him by Anthony Sherman, reprinted from Professor Totten's *Our Race Leaflet* for September 1898:

The last time I ever saw Anthony Sherman was on the fourth of July, 1859, in Independence Square. He was then ninety-nine years old, and becoming very feeble. But though so old, his dimming eyes rekindled as he gazed upon Independence Hall which he had come to look upon once more before he was gathered home.

"Let us go into the hall," he said. "I want to tell you an incident of Washington's life — one which no one alone knows of except myself; and, if you live, you will before long see it verified. Mark the prediction, you will see it verified.

"From the opening of the Revolution we experienced all phases of fortune, now good and now ill, one time victorious, and another conquered. The darkest period we had, I think, was when Washington, after several reverses, retreated to Valley Forge, where he resolved to pass the winter of '77. Ah! I have often seen the tears coursing down our dear old commander's careworn cheeks as he would be conversing with a confidential officer about the condition of his poor soldiers. You have doubtless heard the story of Washington going to the thicket to pray. Well, it was not only true, but he used often to pray in secret for aid and comfort from God, the interposition of whose Divine Providence brought us safely through those dark days of tribulation. One day, I remember it well, the chilly winds whistled through the leafless trees, though the sky was cloudless and the sun shone brightly, he remained in his quarters nearly all the afternoon alone. When he came out I noticed that

his face was a shade paler than usual, and there seemed to be something on his mind of more than ordinary importance. Returning just after dusk, he dispatched an orderly to the quarters of the officer I mention who was presently in attendance. After a preliminary conversation of about a half hour, Washington, gazing upon his companion with that strange look of dignity which he alone could command, said to the latter:

"I do not know whether it is owing to the anxiety of my mind, or what, but this afternoon as I was sitting at this very table engaged in preparing a dispatch, something in the apartment seemed to disturb me. Looking up, I beheld standing opposite to me a singularly beautiful female. So astonished was I, for I had given strict orders not to be disturbed, that it was some moments before I found language to inquire the cause of her presence. A second, a third, and even a fourth time, did I repeat my question, but received no answer from my mysterious visitor except a slight raising of the eyes. By this time I felt strange sensations spreading through me. I would have risen, but the riveted gaze of the being before me rendered volition impossible. I essayed once more to address her, but my tongue had become powerless. Even thought itself suddenly became paralyzed. A new influence, mysterious, potent, irresistible, took possession of me. All I could do was to gaze steadily, vacantly, at my unknown visitant. Gradually the surrounding atmosphere seemed as though becoming filled with sensations, and grew luminous. Everything about me seemed to rarefy, the mysterious visitor herself becoming more airy, and yet more distinct to my sight than before. I now began to feel as one dying, or rather to experience the sensations which I have sometimes imagined accompany dissolution. I did not think, I did not reason, I did not move, all were

alike impossible. I was only conscious of gazing fixedly, vacantly, at my companion.

"Presently I heard a voice saying, 'Son of the Republic, look and learn.' While at the same time my visitor extended her arm eastwardly. I now beheld a heavy white vapor at some distance rising fold upon fold. This gradually dissipated, and I looked upon a strange scene. Before me lay spread out in one vast plain all the countries of the world, Europe, Asia, Africa and America. I saw rolling and tossing between Europe and America the billows of the Atlantic, and between Asia and America lay the Pacific. 'Son of the Republic,' said the same mysterious voice as before, 'look and learn.' At that moment I beheld a dark shadowy being like an angel standing or rather floating in mid-air between Europe and America. Dipping water out of the ocean in the hollow of each hand, he sprinkled some upon America with his right hand, while with his left hand he cast some on Europe. Immediately a dark cloud raised from these countries, and joined in mid-ocean. For awhile it remained stationary and then moved slowly westward, until it enveloped America in its murky folds. Sharp flashes of lightning gleamed through it at intervals, and I heard the smothered groans and cries of the American people. A second time the angel dipped water from the ocean, and sprinkled it as before. The dark cloud was then drawn back to the ocean, in whose heaving billows it sank from view. A third time I heard the mysterious voice saying, 'Son of the Republic, look and learn.' I cast my eyes upon America and beheld villages and towns and cities springing up, one after another until the whole land from the Atlantic to the Pacific was dotted with them. Again I heard the mysterious voice say, 'Son of the Republic, the end of the century cometh, look and learn.'"

"At this the dark, shadowy angel turned his face southward, and from Africa I saw an ill-omened spectre approach our land. It flitted slowly and heavily over every town and city of the latter. The inhabitants presently set themselves in battle array against each other. As I continued looking, I saw a bright angel,

on whose brow rested a crown of light on which was traced the word "union," bearing the American flag, which he placed between the divided nation and said "Remember ye are brethren." Instantly the inhabitants, casting from them their weapons, became friends once more, and united around the National Standard.

"And again I heard the mysterious voice say, 'Son of the Republic, look and learn.' At this the dark, shadowy angel placed a trumpet to his mouth and blew three distinct blasts; and taking water from the ocean, he sprinkled it upon Europe, Asia and Africa. Then my eyes beheld a fearful scene: From each of these countries arose thick, black clouds that were soon joined into one. And throughout this mass there gleamed a dark red light by which I saw hordes of armed men, who moved with the cloud, marching by land and sailing by sea to America, which country was enveloped in the volume of the cloud. And I dimly saw these vast armies devastate the whole country and burn the villages, towns and cities that I had beheld springing up. As my ears listened to the thundering of the cannon, clashing of swords and shouts and cries of millions in mortal combat, I again heard the mysterious voice saying, 'Son of the Republic, look and learn.' When the voice had ceased the dark shadowy angel placed his trumpet once more to his mouth and blew a long and fearful blast.

"Instantly a light as of a thousand suns shone down from above me, and pierced and broke into fragments the dark cloud which enveloped America. At the same moment the angel upon whose head still shone the word "Union," and who bore our national flag in one hand and a sword in the other, descended from heaven attended by legions of bright spirits. These immediately joined the inhabitants of America, who, I perceived, were well-nigh overcome, but who, immediately taking courage again, closed up their broken ranks and renewed the battle. Again, amid the fearful noise of the conflict, I heard the mysterious voice saying, 'Son of the Republic, look and learn.' As the voice ceased, the shadowy angel for the last time

dipped water from the ocean and sprinkled it upon America. Instantly the dark cloud rolled back, together with the armies it had brought, leaving the inhabitants of the land victorious.

"Then once more I beheld villages, towns and cities springing up where they had been before, while the bright angel, planting the azure standard he had brought into the midst of them cried with a loud voice: 'While the stars remain and the heavens send down dew upon the earth, so long shall the Republic last.' And taking from his brow the crown on which was blazoned the word "Union," he placed it upon the standard while the people, kneeling down, said "Amen."

"The scene instantly began to fade and dissolve and I at last saw nothing but the rising, curling vapor I at first beheld. This also disappearing, I found myself once more gazing upon my mysterious visitor, who, in the same voice I had heard before said, 'Son of the Republic, what you have seen is thus interpreted: Three great perils will come upon the Republic. The most fearful is the second, passing which the whole world united shall not prevail against her. Let every child of the Republic learn to live for his God, his land and union. With these words the vision vanished, and I started from my seat and felt that I had seen a vision wherein had been shown me the birth, progress and destiny of the United States.'"

"Such, my friends," concluded the venerable narrator, "were the words I heard from Washington's own lips, and America will do well to profit by them."

The late Professor C. A. L. Totten of Yale University wrote:

"The third and last peril clearly indicates a future invasion of our country by the Old World. The drift of events and Bible prophecy indicate that a great combination of powers will be the actor. . . . Notice also that the description would seem to show that the *third* peril was the greatest, while the interpretation declares the *second* to be. What means this but that, by united action and a work of righteousness, the nation may escape the *third* peril, or lessen its force."

The "great combination of powers"
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THE MEASURE OF RESPONSIBILITY

By C. R. Dickey

THERE IS A challenging statement in Luke 12: 48, which reads as follows: "For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required: and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more."

These words were spoken by Jesus in a setting that makes them particularly applicable to the present time. They conclude His parabolic instruction, concerning the coming of the Son of man, which began in verse 35. The teaching here, like that in the Parable of the Ten Virgins, depicts the supreme crisis which will confront the Lord's servants when He returns at the end of this present age. The keynote of the entire passage is preparedness for the great emergency.

In the Weymouth Translation we read:

"Have your girdles on, and let your lamps be alight; and be like men waiting for their master — on the look-out till he shall return from the wedding feast — that, when he comes and knocks, they may open the door instantly. Blessed are those servants whom their Master when He comes shall find on the watch. I tell you, in solemn truth, that He will tie an apron round Him, and will bid them recline at table while He comes and waits on them. And whether it be in the second watch or in the third that He comes and finds them so, blessed are they. Of this be sure, that if the master of the house had known at what time the robber was coming, he would have kept awake and not have allowed his house to be broken into. Be you also ready, for at an hour when you are not expecting Him the Son of Man will come." (Luke 12: 35-40.)

At this point, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, are you addressing this parable to us, or to all alike?" His Lord replied, saying:

"Who, then, is the faithful and prudent steward whom his master will put

in charge of his household to serve out their rations at the proper times? Blessed is that servant whom his master when he comes shall find so doing. I tell you truly that he will put him in authority over all his possessions. But if that servant should say in his heart, 'My master is a long time in coming,' and should begin to beat the menservants and maid-servants, and to eat and drink, drinking even to excess; that servant's master will come on a day when he is not expecting him and at an hour that he knows not of, and cut him asunder, and make him share the lot of the unfaithful. And that servant who has been told his master's will and yet made no preparation and did not obey his will, will receive many lashes. But he who had not been told it and yet did what deserved the scourge, will receive but few lashes." (Luke 12: 42-48.)

In these simple illustrations, Jesus sets forth the measure of individual responsibility. He concludes the lesson with a rule which each one can use to determine the proper balance between his opportunities and his responsibilities:

"To whomsoever much has been given, from him much will be required; and to whom much has been entrusted, of him the more will be demanded." (Luke 12: 48.)

Returning now to the keynote of the parables, we find that the Master emphasizes the necessity of being always ready; and the two servants illustrate the nature of the preparation required. As Dr. George H. Hubbard says:

"The declaration that the householder would have *watched*, might, if left thus, encourage the notion of mere idle waiting for the Lord's advent. It was therefore necessary to add the further parabolic explanation to show that watching implied activity, faithfulness, service. Not a mere state of passive expectation, however eager and believing, is the true preparation for the coming of the Lord, but active effort, obedience to His commands, devotion to His

service." (*The Teachings of Jesus in Parables*, p. 448.)

Fortunate, indeed, will be those whom the Lord finds "on the watch" when He comes. He will set them down to meat and come forth to serve them. A prophetic view of this great act of self-abasing love is given in John 13: 1, where it is said of Jesus that, "Having loved his own which were in the world, he loved them unto the end." Then, in the fourth and fifth verses, John tells how Jesus washed the disciples' feet and wiped them "with the towel wherewith he was girded."

In the Roman Saturnalia, masters and servants exchanged places for the day; but on that occasion the gratuity was granted to *all* servants, both good and bad. This extraordinary service of which Jesus speaks is a special honor to faithful and vigilant servants *only*. In Revelation 3: 20-21, the figure is extended immeasurably, even to the promise of sharing His throne:

"Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne."

How beautifully these words augment the promise to the faithful steward that the Master would "put him in authority over all his possessions"!

The reply of Christ to Peter's question — "Master, are you addressing this parable to us, or to all alike?" — is virtually that the larger the powers and opportunities entrusted to any servant, the greater is the degree of watchfulness he must exercise in order to avoid either neglecting or abusing them.

The measure of a man's responsibility is twofold in its application.

This dualism is more clearly revealed in the Authorized Version of our text than in the Weymouth Translation. Here it is evident that the first clause refers to the endowment a man receives from his Creator — his native intelligence, his talents, his distinctive personal character and social traits. All these are gifts of God; therefore, "unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required." Man's first responsibility, then, is to God who has given him much in ability and opportunities.

The second clause is addressed to the individual "to whom men have committed much." This man enjoys the confidence of other men; to him they have committed much; they elevate him to an important post in society, perhaps in education, in the church, or in some branch of state or federal government. To him men have consigned a sacred trust; consequently, they will demand more of him than of others who are not so obligated. Hence we see that every man's responsibility will be determined, first, by what he has received from God; and, second, by what has been committed to him by his fellow men.

Sometimes rarely gifted and influential men are inconsistent and irresponsible in their views. By way of illustration, and not for disparagement, we will quote two startling paragraphs from a little book by Norman Cousins titled *Modern Man Is Obsolete*. But first it should be said that Mr. Cousins is Editor of the *Saturday Review*, and that his book reflects hasty conclusions based on inordinate fear of atomic warfare. Acting under the compulsion that he must find the answer in a hurry, Mr. Cousins comes up with this solution:

"We have saved for last the most crucial aspect of this general survey relating to the first course: the transformation or adjustment from national man to world man. At present he is a world warrior; it is time for him to grow up and to become a world citizen. This is not vaporous idealism, but sheer driving necessity. It bears directly on the prospects of his own survival. He will have to recognize the flat truth that the greatest obsolescence of all in the Atomic Age is national sovereignty. Even back in the old-fashioned Rocket Age before August 6, 1945, strict na-

tional sovereignty was an anomalous holdover from the tribal instinct in nations. If it was anomalous then, it is preposterous now.

"It is preposterous because we have invested it with nonexistent powers. We assume that national sovereignty is still the same as it always was, that it still offers security and freedom of national decision. We assume it still means national independence, the right to get into war or stay out of it. We even debate the question of 'surrendering' some of our sovereignty — as though there is still something to surrender. There is nothing left to surrender. There is only something to gain. A common world sovereignty." (Page 20.)

Now, according to abundant evidence in the Scriptures, the time is coming — and may be near at hand — when there will be "a common world sovereignty" under the kingship of Jesus Christ. But that is not what Mr. Cousins has in mind, for he says concerning the world government he advocates:

"It provides the broad and solid ground in which to sink the foundations of a genuine sovereignty, and on which to build a floor under tomorrow; but it does not provide a finished structure. It provides the form but not the substance. That finished structure and that substance can be provided only by the vision and the day-by-day wisdom of man himself." (Page 45.)

By the time we reach page 47, the author reveals a bit of skepticism about the outcome of man's vision and day-by-day wisdom. "So that we return full circle to man himself," he writes, "to the animal that must operate the world government. Is he wise enough to use greater power for greater good? Is he wise enough to create a common sovereignty and yet keep his ultimate power in his own hands?"

After raising these questions, Mr. Cousins reaffirms his faith in a man-made common sovereignty for all nations. "And if we are not yet ready for world government? What then?" he demands of the doubter. There is just one alternative, if man wants to stay alive, he declares. This only alternative is so utterly ridiculous that one can hardly imagine a recognized man of letters entertaining such ideas, even in his weakest moments. Yet the following paragraph, which concludes the book, is

the only open road for you if you can't travel with the one-worlders.

"This second course is fairly simple. It requires that man eliminate the source of the trouble. Let him dissociate himself, carefully and completely, from civilization and all its works. Let him systematically abolish science and the tools of science. Let him destroy all machines and the knowledge which can build or operate those machines. Let him raze his cities, smash his laboratories, dismantle his factories, tear down his universities and schools, burn his libraries, rip apart his art. Let him murder his scientists, his lawmakers, his statesmen, his doctors, his teachers, his mechanics, his merchants, and anyone who has anything to do with the machinery of knowledge or progress. Let him punish literacy by death. Let him eradicate nations and set up the tribe as sovereign. Let him, in short, revert to his condition in society in 10,000 B.C. Thus emancipated from science, from progress, from government, from knowledge, from thought, he can be reasonably certain of prolonging his existence on this planet."

What an alternative! What shall it profit a nation, if it shall gain "a common world sovereignty," and lose its own soul? Present dangers exist in the United States because we have too many irresponsible men in responsible positions. Critical as the situation undoubtedly is, there is nothing the matter with us even now that cannot be cured with a good dose of old-fashioned loyalty, common sense and courage.

"For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required," said Jesus. What shall be required of one who misuses his God-given talents and opportunities? How many stripes will he deserve, who repudiates the blessings and constitutional safeguards of his native land, and clamors for the mirage of "world citizenship"? And what shall be required of "blind followers of the blind," who forsake "the old paths, where is the good way," and refuse to walk therein? (Jer. 6: 16.) The answer is known only to the Lord. But the publisher gives us a glimpse of them on the cover of *Modern Man Is Obsolete* when he says:

"... The editorial was an instant and nation-wide sensation. A shortened version was run as a full-page advertisement in the *New York Herald*

Tribune, and other papers reprinted it at their own expense or by private contribution. The *Magazine Digest* paid a record price for rights. Requests for copies poured in by the thousands. Letters were received from members of the Cabinet and Supreme Court, industrialists, legislators, scientists, ministers, educators, librarians, leading radio commentators, and men-in-the-street, acclaiming it. Many of these letters expressed the wish that words of such enduring worth be given a more permanent format. In response to the public demand The Viking Press is bringing out this present book, a greatly expanded version."

Do not these people reveal their incompetence by jumping to hasty conclusions without considered judgment based on an examination of all the facts and the possible results involved? It was not until socialistic internationalism veered our Republic from its true course, as set by its

wise founders, that it began to mire in the quicksand of one-worldism. Instead of irresponsible talk about how to become a world citizen, every man is obligated to learn how best to serve his own country as a dependable, informed, loyal, God-fearing citizen.

The man who is faithful concerning the welfare of his own land is the better fitted to lend a helping hand to the people of other lands. The most valuable help the United States can give to other nations is to set them a good example to follow, an example in allegiance to the principles of government and the Divine laws that produce righteousness. We do not help any people by bankrupting ourselves and destroying our sovereignty. Only the strong can effectively bear the burdens of the weak.

In order to get a true perspective,

compare the superb strength of the United States and Great Britain at the beginning of this century with their shamefully weakened condition now. Whatever the factors that may have contributed to this decline, one thing is certain, their watchmen on the towers have not been faithful in guarding the glorious heritage that has been committed to the Anglo-Saxon peoples.

As we have seen, preparedness for the great emergency is the point stressed by Jesus in His warning to the watchmen of Israel: "Be ye therefore ready — for the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not." When the Master returns and demands an accounting of His servants, will He find us measuring up to our responsibilities? Will we be watching — ready to open the door instantly when He knocks?

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MEROCH, meaning *the flock*; also PHAEDA or PHACDA, meaning *visited, guarded or numbered as a flock*. Another one of the stars, CAB'D AL ASAD, means *multitude, many assembled*, and the star MEGREZ means *separated* — as the flock in a fold.

Thus we have depicted in URSA MAJOR a people set apart by the Lord, separated from the nations round about, the sheep of His pasture, who would grow into a great multitude, guarded and protected by the Lord Himself.

The Lesser Sheepfold

While the Greater Sheepfold is composed of the Holy Ones, the Israel people, the Lesser Sheepfold is for the Righteous Ones, a special but restricted fold composed of the overcomers, separated from the Greater Sheepfold for a definite purpose; that is, so that they may furnish righteous rulership in His Kingdom.

The very names of the stars associated with URSA MINOR, and their meaning, designate this lesser sheepfold as associated closely with Him who is coming to rule, and whose coming those associated with this sheepfold are awaiting and watching for. The star KOCHAB means *awaiting Him who cometh*. It is only those who are overcomers who are truly waiting for the return of their

Lord. Another star in this constellation AL PHERKADAIM, which means *the calves or the young*, immediately brings to mind Malachi 4:2 in reference to those whom the Lord will spare, "as a man spareth his own son that serveth him":

"But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go

forth, and grow up as calves of the stall." (Mal. 4:2.)

Another one of the stars in this configuration, ARCAS or ARCTOS, meaning *a traveling company or the stronghold of the saved*, further confirms this constellation as designating the overcomers. The Bible states of those who are to reign with the Lord: "These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth" (Rev. 14:4), a truly traveling company as they attend the Lord as His retinue. They will indeed constitute the stronghold of the saved.

How remarkable it is that in these two constellations, URSA MAJOR and URSA MINOR, we have presented in an inspiring symbolical picturization the identical truth that is taught in the Scriptures and delineated in the revelation-measures of the Great Pyramid. They all tell the same thrilling story of the Lord's dealings with His Kingdom people, compelling them under Divine pressure to move toward the day and into the place where their spiritual displacement will be rectified. At the same time the other, inner, group — the overcomers — are impelled to take their position so that they may stand ready to assume rulership in the restored Kingdom under their Overruling Sovereign, following their return with Him from the Marriage Supper of the Lamb.

The only enduring foundation on which can be built a lasting government — one that will give stability to our Republic — must be the bed-rock of the Commandments, Statutes and Judgments of the Lord, operating as the law of the land. This nation revived the principles of the Republic when out of the chaos, following the war of independence, we evolved our form of government. Will our nation, as a result of the present world crisis, discover the rock on which to build anew our Republic? If we do, a government with a perfect code of laws will then be established against which the storms of autocracy, democracy, communism, and license will beat in vain.

— H. B. R.

A Genuine Summit Conference — By R. E. WEMP

IT IS REMARKABLE how history repeats itself and how very little our national leaders and the citizens of our nation appear to have learned from the events of the past. As a case in point let us briefly review some of the outstanding characteristics of the mentality and actions of Sennacherib, King of the Assyrians, who lived about 713 B.C., and of Adolph Hitler, during the years 1939-40 A.D., and compare them with Nikita Khrushchev in these days of 1957-58. Let us consider Hitler first.

In September 1939, with all the arrogance of his ancient predecessor, Sennacherib, Hitler issued his challenge to the world and to God when he said: "No power on earth can stop me." And the fate of Austria, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Denmark, Holland, Norway, Belgium, Luxembourg, France, Hungary, Bulgaria, Rumania, Yugoslavia and Greece seemed to lend authority to his boast. Hitler had conquered all the smaller nations around about Germany.

On October 6, 1939, in a demoniacal radio broadcast, Hitler stated, "Today there are no longer any islands"; meaning, of course, that, with modern air forces, the British Isles had lost their insularity. This statement is remarkable when viewed in the light of Revelation 16: 20, revealing to us just where we stand in connection with the prophecies concerned with the pouring out of the "seventh [and last] vial."

On May 10, 1940, Hitler stated, "The battle that begins today will decide the fate of Germany and Europe for the next thousand years." But a much different future awaits Europe and the world than that which he visualized. (See Revelation, chapters 19 and 20, where we are informed of some of the events to come during the next thousand years.)

In the Autumn of 1938 Hitler said: "I have only one will that animates me day and night; to make Germany great, the greatest power on earth." This statement reminds one of what the late Kaiser said to his troops in 1914 — "A new empire shall arise more glorious than the world ever saw; a new Roman-German Empire that shall rule the world." Philip of Spain had the same ambition. So did Napoleon. And now Khrushchev and World Communism.

Let us consider Sennacherib for a moment, who was the greatest military conqueror of his time (see II Kings 18: 13; II Chronicles, chapter 32; and Isaiah, chapters 36-37). The Assyrian armies had subjugated all the small na-

tions round about Assyria and then had invaded the land of Israel. They first captured the two and a half tribes of the Northern Kingdom (Reuben, Gad and the half-tribe of Manasseh). These were deported as captives to Assyria. Then they came down a few years later and captured and deported the balance of the ten-tribed nation of Israel. Following that, in 713 B.C., Sennacherib captured 46 of the defended cities of the Southern Kingdom of Judah and took captive more than two hundred thousand of the men of Judah.

Sennacherib's victories had been so numerous he had conceived the idea that he was invincible. Now he wanted the last stronghold of the land, the capital of the country — Jerusalem itself. So, fresh from previous victories, he became proud, boastful and arrogant. He defied the God of Israel and derided the power of prayer when he sent this message to the Israelites within the walls of the city:

"Now therefore let not Hezekiah deceive you, nor persuade you on this manner, neither yet believe him: for no god of any nation or kingdom was able to deliver his people out of mine hand, and out of the hand of my fathers: how much less shall your God deliver you out of mine hand? . . . As the gods of the nations of other lands have not delivered their people out of mine hand, so shall not the God of Hezekiah deliver his people out of mine hand." (II Chron. 32: 15-17.)

The Assyrian King wanted King Hezekiah to meet with him, to make an agreement of peace with him — a summit conference, as it were. And he was attempting to bring this about in much the same way that Khrushchev has been doing for the past six months and more — by boasting of Russia's achievements — how prepared they are — how invincible — by a war of nerves — a "cold" war — attempting to wear down the resistance of his opponents.

But King Hezekiah and the Prophet Isaiah had more faith in God than our present leaders appear to have. They held a summit conference — a genuine summit conference. They went right to the top — to the very Fountainhead of all wisdom and help. Let us read the record of King Hezekiah's part in this conference:

"And Hezekiah received the letter from the hand of the messengers, and read it: and Hezekiah went up unto the house of the Lord, and spread it before the Lord. And Hezekiah prayed unto the Lord, saying, O Lord of hosts, God of Israel, that dwellest between the cherubims, thou art the God, even thou alone, of all the king-

doms of the earth; thou hast made heaven and earth. Incline thine ear, O Lord, and hear; open thine eyes, O Lord, and see: and hear all the words of Sennacherib, which hath sent to reproach the living God. Of a truth, Lord, the kings of Assyria have laid waste all the nations, and their countries and have cast their gods into the fire: for they were no gods, but the work of men's hands, wood and stone; therefore they have destroyed them. Now therefore, O Lord, our God, save us from his hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that thou art the Lord, even thou only." (Isa. 37: 14-20.)

Now let us read God's reply:

"Therefore, thus saith the Lord concerning the King of Assyria, He shall not come into this city, nor shoot an arrow there, nor come before it with shields, nor cast a bank against it. By the way that he came, by the same way shall he return, and shall not come into this city, saith the Lord. For I will defend this city to save it for mine own sake, and for my servant David's sake." (Isa. 37: 33-35.)

That very night "the angel of the Lord went forth and smote in the camp of the Assyrians a hundred and fourscore and five thousand" of the enemy. A total of 185,000 Assyrians died in one night as the aftermath of a genuine summit conference. King Sennacherib went home, defeated and broken, his pride crushed, his arrogance demolished. He sought solace from his heathen gods in the temple of Baal and, while he was on his knees praying to them, his two sons came in and murdered him.

Thus ended the life of a great military conqueror who had defied the God of Israel. In a later generation Adolph Hitler committed suicide. We wonder what fate has in store for Nikita Khrushchev?

Our national leaders have received many letters from Khrushchev. He asks for a summit conference — an agreement, even as Sennacherib did after he had enslaved the smaller nations round about. If our leaders would hold the type of summit conference that King Hezekiah did and place the whole matter before the Lord in prayer and repentance, showing a willingness to have our nation return to God and become willing to do the will of God on earth as it is being done in heaven, we can rest assured that Divine intervention would solve our international problems today just as it preserved the nation in the days of Hezekiah.

Indeed, let us have a summit conference — but let our leaders go all the way up to the very top. Let us have our conference with Almighty God Himself.

SIX FATEFUL DAYS

By William O. Lay, Jr.

August 4, 1958

DURING A tension-packed week of high international drama, the world tottered on the uttermost brink of the showdown war in the Mideast. For anxious days a revolt which overthrew the pro-Western government of Iraq threatened to trigger a chain reaction which would topple the entire Arab world into the Nasser-Soviet camp and totally eliminate Western influence in the vital oil-rich Middle East. Shocked into drastic action by this looming catastrophe, the West reacted violently. The United States airlifted Marines to revolt-ridden Lebanon and two days later British troops landed in Jordan.

But the hour for the last all-resolving battle in the Mideast had not struck. Russian troops, massed massively on the border of Iran, did not move. Instead Soviet Premier Khrushchev clamored for a summit conference on the Middle East. A temporary respite was achieved while East and West squabbled over location and objectives of the proposed top-level meeting.

Despite the breathing-space, the basic situation remained precariously balanced and inconceivably bleak for the West. As time passed, there was every indication that the initial advantage gained by the landings in Lebanon and Jordan would be lost as a result of wavering indecision and failure to follow through. Within days the throne and very life of King Hussein were in jeopardy despite the presence of British troops, while American forces in Lebanon failed to take effective action against the pro-Nasser rebels infiltrating and subverting the country on a vast scale. The columnist Edgar Ansel Mowrer took note of this and declared:

"It is time we realized that, thanks to our shilly-shallying, the Arab countries can probably — with the possible exception of the oil-rich British protectorate of Kuwait — be counted as lost."

In view of all this, it is no longer necessary to point ahead to the Biblically-foretold global climax in the Middle East. The climax is here. Only such time remains as can be gleaned by temporizing or futile parleying. Forces are in motion which neither side can control and the ultimate outcome will be one which neither envisions.

As the fateful mid-July period approached, the UN once again demonstrated its monstrous ineffectuality and blatant Red bias. Secretary-General Hammarskjöld made an on-the-spot survey in Lebanon and upon his return issued a ridiculous and incredibly irresponsible statement that Lebanese charges of massive intervention by the United Arab Republic were without founda-

tion. This was on July 3, exactly 666 days after September 5, 1956 when the NATO Council met in emergency session to discuss the Suez crisis and the Soviet-Afghan arms pact was disclosed. Besides being the number of human imperfection and apostasy, the 666 time-factor marks activities of the anti-God forces striving to block establishment of His earthly Kingdom (top of Chart XV).

July 13, 1958

The Suez Canal became the uncontested property of the United Arab Republic on this date when a compensation agreement was signed in Geneva between the UAR and the old Canal Company. By yielding control of its commercial jugular vein to the Soviet-catspaw Nasser, the West committed an act of suicidal folly for which it will be required to pay grievously.

A wealth of chronological data underscores the ugly significance of the Suez pact. When the pertinent time-measures are assembled and charted, the signing in Geneva is seen to be the final ill-omened step in a series of retreats and capitulations which have inexorably led the West to the brink of catastrophe. As the charted data unfolds, note how strikingly July 13 is linked to prominent mileposts along this dreary road of appeasement and surrender.

July 13 fell 666 days solar after the September 5, 1956 emergency meeting of the NATO Council to grapple with the Suez issue. This date, in turn, fell on the solar terminal of 11 x 1290 days after the United States entered World War I. Eleven is the number of disorder or disintegration, while 1290 signifies desolation. Exactly 2 x 1290 days separate the July 13 Suez pact from June 20, 1951 when Iran nationalized her oilfields.

The remainder of the chart delineates a fascinating pattern involving the time-factors connoting *judgment*, *fruition* and *Israel's chastisement*. Two numbers especially connote judgment — the 1600 factor from Revelation 14 and the 420-day interval (one-sixth of the 2520-day Biblical trial or probation period) which marks successive phases of judgment upon the human world order. Precisely 1600 plus twice 420 days (by solar measurement) separate the July 13 Suez pact from October 3, 1951 when Britain abandoned her oil installations at Abadan. Mid-point of the two solar 420 periods is May 13, 1957 when Britain yielded to Nasser and resumed using the Suez Canal on his terms (see chart).

July 13 fell 390 days (Israel's chastisement) after June 18, 1957 when Egypt received Russian submarines

CHART XV

Date	Event	Value / Duration
4/6/17	U. S. Enters World War I	11 x 1290 Solar
9/5/56	UN Chief Disavows UAR Interference in Lebanon	666
7/3/58	Emergency NATO Meeting on Suez Crisis. Soviet-Afghan Arms Pact.	666 Solar
7/13/58	Iran Nationalizes Oilfields	2 x 1290
6/20/51	British Quit Abadan	1600 + 420 Solar
10/3/51	British Yield on Suez Use	420 Solar
5/13/57	Commonwealth Approves Suez Withdrawal	1040 Solar
7/29/54	Egypt Gets Russian Subs	390
6/18/57	Pact Gives Suez Canal to UAR	420
9/6/59	U. S. Tests H-Bomb	1040
11/1/52	Cyprus Parley Collapses	420
9/7/55	Special UN Assembly Session on Palestine	8 x 390
10/31/56	Britain, France Send Invasion Force to Suez	1040

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11/11/58 40 Years 11/11/59

11/29/47 2 x 1040 + 15 x 120 7/14/58 120

Palestine Partition

3/7/51 1600 + 666 + 420

Iranian Premier Assassinated

10/15/51 286 7/27/52 1290 + 888

Egypt Abrogates Suez, Sudan Treaties

British Reinforce Suez 8/23/56 420

6 x 2300 420 + 270 9/7/59

Armistice

Suez Talks End in Discord Iraq Revolt 7/20/58

11/7/53 6 x 286

Balkan Defense Pool Set Up

2/24/55 1260 Lunar 420 Lunar

Turkey, Iraq Sign Baghdad Pact Jordan Breaks Relations With UAR

7/27/54 7 x 120 Lunar 11/1/56 1040

British Agree to Evacuate Suez

9/27/51 7 x 270 Lunar

Iran Takes Over Abadan

UN Assembly Meets on Suez Crisis. Canal Blocked.

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CHART XVII

Date	Event	Value
10/29/56	Jews invade Egypt	1290
5/11/60		
12/11/41	U. S. Declares War on Axis	3 (1600 + 420)
6/27/50	U. S. Enters Korean War	7 x 420
9/15/50	Korean "D-Day"	10 x 286
9/27/51	Korean "D-Day"	2 x 1260 Lunar
6/28/19	Versailles Treaty	9 x 1290 Solar
1/9/57	Iran Takes Over Abadan	286 + 270
11/2/56	Eisenhower Doctrine	1040
8/20/53	Russia Announces H-Bomb Test	3 x 390
	UN Orders Mideast Cease-Fire	
	U. S. Marines Land in Lebanon	420

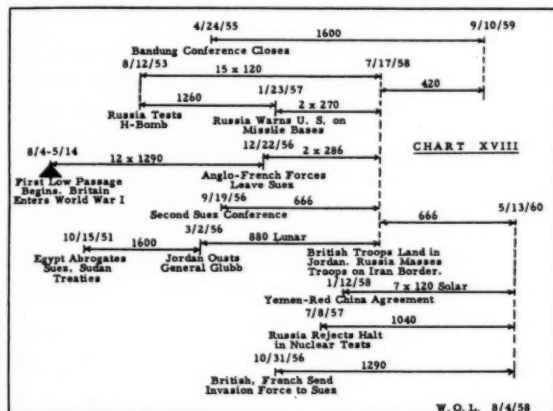
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ward from July 15, terminates on May 11, 1960. This date will be 1290 days (desolation) after the October 29, 1956 Jewish invasion of Egypt.

July 17, 1958

While American reinforcements poured into Lebanon, British paratroops landed in Jordan in response to an appeal from King Hussein whose regime was imperilled by pro-Nasser plotters. Meanwhile, Soviet troops, tanks and planes deployed along the Iranian border after Russia announced it was holding large-scale military "exercises" in the Trans-Caucasus and Turkistan area.

July 17 fell 15 x 120 days (hour of warning) after Russia tested her first H-bomb on August 12, 1953 and 2 x 270 days (birth travail) after January 23, 1957 when Russia warned the U. S. against setting up nuclear and missile bases in the Middle East.



British troops returned to Jordan exactly 880 days lunar (Divine Intermediation) after Jordan ousted General Glubb on March 2, 1956. July 17 also fell 666 days after the second Suez Conference convened on September 19, 1956 and 2 x 286 days (displacement) after December 22, 1956 when Anglo-French forces left Suez.

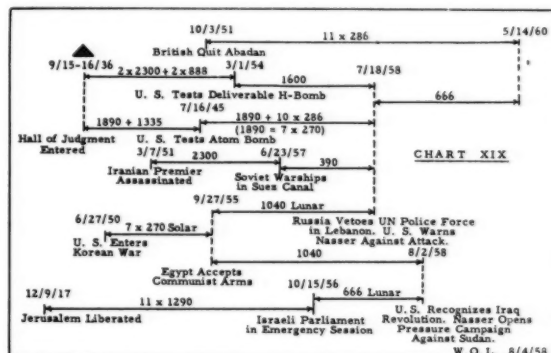
An interval of 420 days extends from July 17 to September 10, 1959, which will be 1600 days (judgment) after the Bandung Conference of Afro-Asian leaders closed on April 24, 1955. And exactly 666 days separate July 17 from May 13, 1960, which will be 1290 days (desolation) after Britain and France dispatched an invasion force to Suez on October 31, 1956. The 1960 terminal will also be 7 x 120 days solar (warning perfected) after the January 12, 1958 treaty of technical and commercial cooperation between Yemen and Red China.

July 18, 1958

Russia vetoed the United States plan to send a UN police force into Lebanon, after which the U. S. demanded an emergency meeting of the General Assembly. Meanwhile, Washington sources disclosed that the United States had bluntly warned Nasser that grave consequences could occur in the Middle East if Egyptian-Syrian forces attacked U. S. troops in Lebanon. This came as Nasser returned from a secret conference with Khrushchev in Moscow and the Soviet Foreign

Office declared that the Russians intended to take whatever measures they deemed necessary to counter the Anglo-American military moves.

Set into the unfolding Middle Eastern pattern with jewel-like precision, these developments came precisely 1040 days lunar (fruition) after September 27, 1955 when Egypt accepted Communist arms. July 18 also fell 1600 days (judgment) after the United States tested a deliverable H-bomb on March 1, 1954 and 390 days (Israel's chastisement) after June 23, 1957 when Soviet warships used the Suez Canal for the first time since World War I.

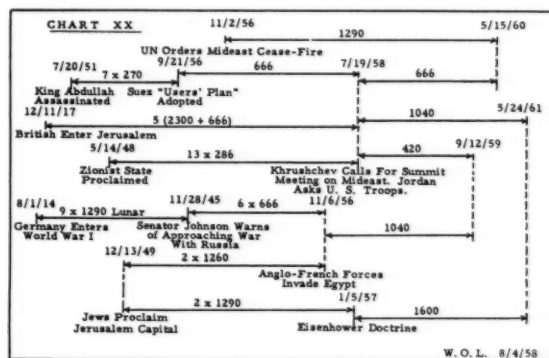


A 666-day interval, extending forward from the July 18 Soviet veto, terminates on May 14, 1960. This date will also be 11 x 286 days (disintegration and displacement) after October 3, 1951 when the British abandoned their oil installations at Abadan.

The chronological significance of July 18, 1958 was first pointed out in the article, "Fire and Fury," published in the June 1954 issue of DESTINY.

July 19, 1958

Declaring, "It is no longer possible to wait another minute," Soviet Premier Khrushchev called for a top-level meeting on the Mideast in Geneva in three days. In Amman, meanwhile, King Hussein disclosed that he had asked the United States to send troops to his country.



It is noteworthy indeed that King Hussein appealed for American troops exactly 7 x 270 (birth travail perfected) plus 666 days after Jordan's King Abdullah was assassinated on July 20, 1951. No less striking is the fact that July 19 fell five times the sum of 2300 and 666 days after British forces entered Jerusalem on

December 11, 1917. Here the number of Divine grace and favor (five) appears in combination with the number connoting world cleansing at the close of the age (2300) and the numerical symbol of the faulty human world order which is to be overthrown (666).

July 19 also fell precisely 13 x 286 days after the Zionist state was proclaimed on May 14, 1948. Concerning the number 13, which here multiplies the factor of displacement, Dr. E. W. Bullinger states in *Number in Scripture**:

"Every occurrence of the number *thirteen* . . . stamps that with which it stands in connection with *rebellion, apostasy, defection, corruption, disintegration, revolution, or some kindred idea.*"

Equally remarkable results are obtained when time-factors are measured forward from July 19. A 420-day period terminates on September 12, 1959, which will be 1040 days (fruition) after Anglo-French forces invaded Suez on November 6, 1956. May 15, 1960 will be both 666 days after July 19, 1958 and 1290 days (desolation) after November 2, 1956 when the UN ordered a Mideast cease-fire. And a fruition interval of 1040 days, extending forward from July 19, terminates on May 24, 1961. This date will be precisely 1600 days (judgment) after the Eisenhower Doctrine was proclaimed on January 5, 1957.

After these six fateful days, events continued at a

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ers" Professor Totten referred to as the "actor" in the fulfillment of the third peril are today shown to be Soviet Russia and her satellites, who are confederating together for the attack upon America. This combination of nations is spearheaded by the Trojan Horse method of infiltration, for present in our midst are Communist agents, assisted in their evil intents by traitors holding high posi-

tions in our government.

Under modern methods of warfare, with air-borne troops, Soviet Russian infantry could be quickly brought into our land to support any successful coup by Communists within and thus establish a Soviet zone of operation in the Western world from which the enemy would be able to press their campaign against us as depicted in the invasion seen by George Washington in his vision.

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"Forasmuch as this people draw near me with their mouth, and with their lips do honour me, but have removed their heart far from me, and their fear toward me is taught by the precept of men: Therefore, behold, I will proceed to do a marvellous work among this people, even a marvellous work and a wonder: for the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the understanding of their prudent men shall be hid." (Isa. 29: 13-14.)

This prediction has become literally true in our generation, for to those schooled only in the wisdom of this world the marvelous unfoldment of the chronological factors revealing the Divine purposes is a book

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less headlong pace. Jordan broke diplomatic relations with the UAR on July 20, the date falling 1260 days lunar (tribulation) after Turkey and Iraq signed the original Baghdad Pact on February 24, 1955 and 6 x 286 days after November 7, 1953 when the Balkan Defense Pool was set up (bottom of Chart XVI).

The United States recognized the new revolutionary government of Iraq on August 2, a move which plunged Jordan into deepest gloom. Washington policymakers reportedly acted on the shaky assumption that recognition would help keep the Baghdad regime from falling under the sway of UAR President Nasser. Meanwhile, Nasser began an ominous pressure campaign against the Sudan. These developments fell 1040 days (fruition) after Egypt accepted Communist arms and 666 days lunar after October 15, 1956 when the Israeli Parliament, in emergency session, approved their government's tough, aggressive line against Egypt (bottom of Chart XIX).

With event following electrifying event, every day must be one of intense expectancy to those who are prayerfully watching. If these opening days of the supreme crisis are any criterion, there will be much to search, much to marvel over, as the majestic pageant unfolds on the world stage. It is a time for watchfulness rather than apprehension, for spiritual whetting rather than distress and disquietude. As always during times of extreme peril in Israel, the watchword is *Stand still and see the salvation of the LORD.*

The methods the enemy within will adopt to assist the foes without should be thoroughly explored by state, city and town officials, as well as by all local and state police. Only thus will our nation be able to organize to defeat a sudden blitz on the part of enemies within and be assured of ultimately defeating their objectives. No time should be lost to meet such a contingency so that, when the blow falls, its effectiveness can be greatly mitigated.

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Credendum

AS YOU READ DESTINY it will be helpful to bear in mind as a fundamental tenet that it identifies the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic and kindred peoples as the House of Israel in the world today. The key to understanding the national aspect of the Bible lies in the acceptance of this basic truth. The ten-tribed Kingdom of Israel, or House of Israel, is distinct and separate from Jewry. In the Scriptures the terms "Israel," "Judah" and "Jew" are not synonymous and the course of history is widely divergent for the peoples properly classified under each of these titles.

The House of Israel is today an innumerable multitude apart from Jewry, a fact which the *Jewish Chronicle* for May 2, 1879 recognized by its reference to the ten tribes as represented by peoples who are not Jews. There it is stated: "The Scriptures speak of a future restoration of Israel, which is clearly to include both Judah and Ephraim [another term designating the House of Israel]. The problem, then, is reduced to its simplest form. The ten tribes are certainly in existence. All that has to be done is to discover which people represent them."

The information published in DESTINY provides the evidence showing that Israel left Palestine while the Jews remained. The movements of the Israel clans are traced out of the East, across Europe to their new settlement in the Isles of Britain, and then on to America. The prophets foretold Israel's westward trek and the monuments and traditions record the Divinely-guided wanderings of this people who left "waymarks" behind them as they journeyed toward their ultimate destination. Today the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic peoples alone bear all the marks by which the House of Israel was to be known in the latter days and they have unconsciously fulfilled in their history, and do fulfill in their present-day activities, what the Word of God declares would be accomplished by them in these latter times.

It is natural that, in the presentation of facts at first thought so startling, the immediate effect of proclaiming these new (yet not new) truths will bring opposition from some quarters where past beliefs are upset. But the evidence of racial movements throughout history, and the marks set forth by which the Israel of God was to be known in modern days, are so unmistakably clear that the failure to seriously consider the evidence will jeopardize the future welfare of the Anglo-Saxon race. For if the people of this race are the lineal descendants of the northern ten-tribed Kingdom of Israel — and they are — there has been placed upon them today a responsibility they cannot escape. The failure to awaken to the knowledge of their identity and assume their responsibility as the people with whom God made His unalterable covenants, and upon whom He laid His law, will bring upon them inevitable national suffering and trouble.

Were the opponents of the identity right in their

assumptions, there would, of course, be no such responsibility; but here again it is essential that the facts be made known. This DESTINY is doing. The people themselves constitute the court of appeal and must render a decision as to whether the facts presented are correct or the objections raised are valid. It is also important to carefully consider that God Himself will pass final judgment in accordance with the verdict rendered by the people, bringing weal or woe upon the nations of Israel in days to come as the inevitable consequence of the course chosen and pursued.

Let those who are opposed to proclaiming the identity ponder well the fact that they, too, have a tremendous personal responsibility. When it is universally recognized that the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic peoples are modern Israel, opponents of this truth who have succeeded in leading many astray, and hindered to that extent the national awakening and return to God in wholehearted acknowledgment of His sovereignty and obedience to His laws, will discover that He will not hold them guiltless.

God is not a man that He should lie and He gave His promise that Israel (He did not say Judah) would never cease to be a nation before Him. He gave the continuity of the heavenly signs as a guarantee of this (Jer. 31: 35-36). The *Jewish Chronicle* says, "Find this people" and DESTINY points to the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic peoples in whose history the prophecies of the Scriptures pertaining to the House of Israel are all being fulfilled today.

Sometimes the objection is raised that, because we stress the Gospel of the Kingdom, we have failed to recognize the part personal salvation plays in the redemptive plans of God. While DESTINY Magazine does give specific attention to the Kingdom evangel, this is by no means an indication that the Gospel of Salvation is relegated to a lesser position.

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